

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

DECEMBER 21, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Acting Chairman Bill Williams, and Commissioners Nathan Peters, Jr. and Jerry W. Barnes. <Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioner Billy E. Traylor were absent>

Others present were: Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, 911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Sheriff Dalton Upchurch, Sheriff's Office Major Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Office Captain Evette Farmer.

Acting Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m., E.T.

AUXILIARY LANE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the abandonment of Auxiliary Lane which is adjacent to the Overstreet Fire Department, stating that the Board has approved this process. Acting Chairman Williams called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to adopt the following resolution for abandonment of Auxiliary Lane. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0).

RESOLUTION NO.2006-50

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida has heretofore acquired the below-described alley/roadway for use and improvements as public roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida has determined that the interest of the County and the public in said alleyway/roadway should be abandoned and closed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the alleyway/roadway of the below described property is closed and the interest of the public therein abandoned:

AUXILIARY LANE

The County Property Appraiser is hereby directed to place upon the tax rolls in Gulf County, Florida, the alleyway/roadway as described above, with the owners as resulting by operation of law following this abandonment.

Notice of adoption of the Resolution shall be published once in the newspaper for circulation in Gulf County, Florida, and the proof of publication of the notice of public hearing, this resolution

as adopted, and the proof of publication of the notice of adoption of such resolution shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of this County in the Official Records in this County.

Adopted in open session the 21st day of December, 2006.

(End)

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Deputy Administrator Lanier recommended payment of an invoice from Preble-Rish, Inc., in the amount of \$25,650.20, for work on the Courthouse roof project. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Deputy Administrator Lanier then recommended payment of an invoice from Cathey Construction, in the amount of \$39,603.41, for the initial bonds insurance for general work and plumbing on the jail, contingent upon approval by the architect. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT - APALACHICOLA RIVER

Andy Smith, Executive Director and Attorney for Apalachicola River Keepers, appeared before the Board to discuss the tri-state water wars, stating that the Army Corps of Engineers previously gave the City of Atlanta an additional 540 million gallons per day. He stated that the State of Florida litigated on this issue and lost, and that it is the intention of the Army of Corps of Engineers to give 540 million additional gallons to the City of Atlanta. Mr. Smith stated that for the Army Corps of Engineers to do this, they have to go through an Environmental Impact statement process, and the Apalachicola River Keepers are contacting all the Counties to request they send letters to the Army Corps of Engineers discussing the impact this will have on our area. Commissioner Barnes motioned to submit this letter to the Army Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Acting Chairman Williams requested that Deputy Administrator Lanier submit this letter before the December 29th deadline.

GULF COUNTY JAIL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed a memorandum to the Board as to what Florida Statutes require for Correctional Officers qualifications. He recommended that the starting rate of pay for the Correctional Officers be \$23,000.00, which will increase to \$24,000.00, once they start classes, (by law they have 18 months to complete the training), 25,000.00, once the basic training is completed, and to \$27,040.00 when they receive certification. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation on the Correctional Officer salaries. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he has a meeting with the Warden from C.C.A. (retiring from C.C.A.), and has requested to take a tour of the jail. He also stated that he has placed a call to former D.O.C. Secretary Michael Moore (and his firm would like to do some work for the County), and others from whom he is awaiting a response. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that their intent is to save as many employees as possible at the jail. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman Williams regarding the effective date, Chief Administrator Butler stated that Sheriff Upchurch is willing to help as long as it takes to make the transition. Sheriff

Upchurch discussed that he is committed to the January 1st date, stating that he will assist as long as needed, and that all jail employees will transfer to the Board effective January 1st. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Board has not been qualified as a Law Enforcement Agency at this time, stating that the paperwork has been filed. Commissioner Peters discussed that there are procedures that have to be followed, and that the Board is going to stay within Chapter 943.13, F.S. Acting Chairman Williams recommended that Chief Administrator Butler communicate with City Manager Lee Vincent regarding the \$300,000.00 for the Parks and Recreation funds. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters regarding uniforms, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that they are working on obtaining new uniforms. After further discussion, Sheriff Upchurch discussed that the deputies are \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 behind in pay.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Peters discussed that he was previously approved to contribute \$200.00 for his Work Crew feeding for Thanksgiving and Christmas, stating that only \$100.00 was paid, and the balance of \$100.00 is to be paid for the Work Crew Christmas dinner. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous (3-0) vote, the Board approved the following Special Projects payments.

Dist. 1	Christmas Parade - Donation	\$171.70
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Dist. 2	Christmas Parade - Donation	\$171.70
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(End)

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 4:34 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
ACTING CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**